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For: POLYSACCHARIDE CAPABLE OF
REDUCING THE VISCOSITY OF A
HYDRATED PSYLLIUM AND FOODS
CONTAINING THE POLYSACCHARIDE
AND PSYLLIUM

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.